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RE: (FORMER) BEACON STATION #379, 14798 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAN  
LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Fox:

This letter follows our telephone conversation today and my recent review of the case file for the referenced site. As we discussed, the three wells at this site were sampled, ground water elevations measured, and flow direction calculated during July and September of 1991, and June 1992. Calculations have shown ground water to flow towards the southwest. All such work, however, was performed during the drier months of the year. As a result, a full understanding of potential seasonal ground water flow and gradient fluctuations has not been possible. Such fluctuations may influence contaminant dispersion about the site.

In order to consider this case for site closure, a more complete understanding of potential flow fluctuations must be evaluated to determine the appropriateness of well placement, among other issues. As we discussed, a minimum of one additional round of "wet season" sampling, monitoring, and gradient determination is needed. Such work should be scheduled as early as possible.

Please contact me at 510/271-4530 when field work is slated to begin, or if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director  
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Mr. Randall Stevenson  
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RE: CAL-EPA REGIONAL HYDROGEOLOGY AND CONTAMINATION STUDY, CENTRAL  
SAN LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA), Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), has been investigating the presence of several priority pollutants, primarily volatile organic compounds (VOC), heavy metals, and nitrates, in soil and ground water occurring in the central San Leandro area since approximately 1986. Currently, six sites are being investigated with Cal-EPA lead or oversight, as follows:

- o 139th Avenue site (Cal-EPA lead)
- o Factor Avenue site (Cal-EPA lead)
- o Singer-Friden site (Cal-EPA lead)
- o Caterpillar site (Cal-EPA oversight)
- o Hudson ICS (Cal-EPA oversight)
- o Staefa Control System Inc./2481 Washington Avenue (Cal-EPA oversight)

Because of similar contamination found at these sites, DTSC suspects that a larger, regional contamination problem exists that requires further investigation. Presently, DTSC is conducting a Regional Hydrology and Contamination Study in Central San Leandro. The purposes of this study include, among other elements:

- o defining as far as possible the known vertical and horizontal extent of contamination in the area;
- o identifying existing public and/or private wells that can be used by DTSC for monitoring purposes;
- o instituting coordinated sampling; and,
- o defining the hydrogeology of the area.

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The intent of the DTSC study is to develop the best possible data on the extent of contamination while realizing no unnecessary expenditure of public funds. Following the presentation of the study's final report, DTSC will develop a work plan for conducting further study, targeting potential source areas and "hot spots" identified during the course of this phase of the investigation.

The DTSC has requested Alameda County's assistance in developing this study and report by coordinating ground water sampling efforts for those sites under county lead. To meet this goal, you are requested, on a volunteer basis, to supplement the sampling slated to occur at your site(s), listed below, during January - March 1992, in addition to those sampling/monitoring activities already required, as follows:

- 1) Collect and analyze ground water samples from at least one well for VOCs (EPA Method 624, or 601/602). The well sampled for this task is to be chosen based upon its potential for detection of VOCs relative to other wells on-site, i.e., its proximity downgradient of a former waste oil or solvent underground storage tank, VOCs identified in prior analyses, etc.
- 2) Present this data, along with other requisite sampling/monitoring data, in the 1992 first quarter report. Submit a copy of this report directly to the DTSC, at the following address:

California Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Toxic Substance Control  
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
Attn: Eileen Hughes

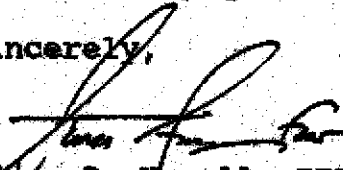
The sites affected by this request are as follow:

- (R0969) ◦ [REDACTED]
- (R0216) ◦ [REDACTED]

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact Mr. Scott Seery of this Division at 510/271-4320, or Ms. Eileen Hughes of DTSC at 510/540-3848, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Hazardous Materials Division

cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director, Environmental Health  
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April 10, 1989

BEACON STATION  
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DEAR MANAGERS:

Dames & Moore, an Environmental Consulting Co., located at 221 Main St., San Francisco, CA has requested information concerning all the environmental information we have on your site. In accordance to Section 25511(c), California Health & Safety Code, Division 20, we are notifying you of this request.

For your information, part of this section states, "The administrative agency shall release the information to the public, but not earlier than 30 days after the date of mailing the notice of the request for information, unless prior to the expiration of the 30 day period, the handler files an action in an appropriate court for a declaratory judgement that the information is subject to protection under subdivision (b) or for an injunction prohibiting disclosure of the information to the public and promptly notifies the administering agency of that action".

If our office does not receive any of these documents within 30 days, we will assume all the information we have on your company is not confidential.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Seto, Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist, at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

Rafat A. Shahid, Chief,  
Hazardous Materials Program

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